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stuff locked into law. You have got some major compromises reached. Don't undo them and I think this undoes them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit. The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Rupp had asked me about this and I told him that he was perfectly, of course free to offer it, he has some concerns about the ability to amend the bill in the brief period of time that would be allowed in the 1985 session. I told him that I would have to oppose it because I had made a commitment with some other individuals as Senator DeCamp has indicated, both the conservationists, the developers, the environmentalists, all those people. Originally I would have preferred to have had a little more time, but it would have been construed by certain individuals as being anti-conservationist point of view, so we agreed upon the February 15th date and that is why I could not, at this time, support the amendment. I understand his concern. I don't think that it really is necessary. I believe that we have sufficient time next year if there is something that is serious enough that it could be addressed in that period of time and I think that it will be if that is important. I want to say again that my principal reason for not supporting the Rupp amendment is that I made a commitment to the February 15th date and I must stay by that commitment in order to honor my commitment to both sides, or all sides and every individual that was involved. So I would have to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a brief comment, Mr. President. I, too, would like to oppose the amendment. I think institutions are like people and that they can literally destroy themselves rehashing and rehashing and rehashing decisions. Extending the date to May, as far as I can see, would only be for the purpose of rehashing the decisions that we are making this year, not for making technical corrections which everybody would agree. So I suggest that we should save next session to moving forward on new questions on water and